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Tennessee Sends TERT Resources to Alabama for Hurricane Sally Response

Nashville, Tenn. – The State of Tennessee has deployed two teams of 9-1-1 emergency response personnel to Alabama to support local first responders in the aftermath of Hurricane Sally.

"We are proud of the dedicated Tennesseans who have selflessly answered the call to help our neighbors during their time of need," TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan said. "We continue to support the critical needs of Alabama whose communities have been devastated by this storm."

The two Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforces (TERT) included a total of 12 members representing departments from the following Tennessee agencies and counties:

- Bradley County 9-1-1
- Hamilton County 9-1-1
- Tennessee Highway Patrol

"We are very proud of the lifesaving work performed by our telecommunicators," said Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Dereck R. Stewart. "Each day they do a fantastic job for us ensuring the best service is provided to the citizens of Tennessee. Now they are taking it a step further and truly revealing their professionalism, expertise, and strength by responding in support of Hurricane Sally."

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is coordinating Tennessee's Hurricane Sally deployments through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The task force will deploy for 9 days and will provide critical telecommunications support.

Hurricane Sally made landfall Wednesday morning near Gulf Shores, Alabama as a Category 2 hurricane. Heavy rainfall and widespread flooding have impacted coastal areas in Alabama and Florida.

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